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CIA Toys With Extrasensory Weapons

In James Bond circles, nothing is too farfetched to be dismissed. The Central Intelligence Agency, for example, has been toying for years with the idea of using extrasensory perception in its work — spurred by the suspicion that the Russians have somehow succeeded in opening an ESP gap.

I've already reported on the Pentagon's \$6-million-a-year research to develop ESP weapons that can brain-wash or incapacitate enemy leaders by thought transfer, deliver nuclear bombs instantaneously thousands of miles away by psychic energy, or even create a protective "time warp" to make incoming Soviet missiles explode harmlessly in the past.

These wacky projects have support from the Defense Intelligence Agency, which reports the Russians have been doing intensive research in the field for nearly 50 years. The DIA even credits the omnipotent Kremlin scientists with successfully demonstrating ESP's deadly potential on insects, a possibility that should bring joy to farmers and backyard gardeners — and strike terror in the insecticide industry.

The CIA, though historically less alarmist about the Red Menace than the Pentagon spooks are, has also been monitoring Soviet ESP research and pondering the possibility of less bizarre psychic weapons. A top-secret report on the subject by a CIA scien-

tific expert has been examined by my associate Dale Van Atta.

The analysts estimated that "the Soviet military and KGB have had a covert applied parapsychology program since the mid-1960s." This was the period when the CIA was experimenting with hallucinogenic drugs on unsuspecting Americans and with foot powder that would make Fidel Castro's beard fall out.

The CIA warns the Soviets may be "ahead of the U.S. in parapsychology." Evidence of Soviet progress is sketchy because the Kremlin's voodoo scientists, the CIA suspects, have gone undercover. Intelligence sources estimate that at least 200 Soviet experts in various disciplines are working on ESP weapons development.

The CIA report identified several areas of suspected Soviet study:

- "Electrostatics of telekinesis," or the ability to move objects by mental concentration.

- "Extremely low frequencies of electromagnetic radiation for information transmission." This may have been what the KGB was up to when it bombarded the U.S. Embassy in Moscow with microwave radiation for nearly 20 years.

- Application of theories involving links between the way the human brain and electronic computers operate.

- Remote monitors and stimulators to determine or influence another per-

son's physical condition by telepathy, like a Haitian witch doctor might try.

- High-frequency analysis of an electroencephalogram, a sort of wire-tapping of someone's brain waves.

The area of Soviet ESP research that really has the CIA's mouth watering is the possibility of "remote viewing" by telepathy from thousands of miles away. Who'd need a mole in the Kremlin if a psychic sitting at a desk in Washington could zoom in mentally on a super-secret Soviet missile site or a Politburo meeting?